



Junior Newsletter

March 2014

Now that Spring is on the way, we hope that all our Junior members will be spending more time on the golf course and joining in with some of the many competitions and activities that are on offer.

Congratulations to Tom Wilson who has been elected Junior Captain for this, the 2014 season.

The first of the Junior medal competitions, for both Boys and Girls, takes place on Saturday, 12 April, 9.30am start, so let me know if you are available to play. It will be played off the red tees over 18 holes and the maximum handicap of 54 will apply. Please note, therefore, the medal will not be a qualifying competition for official CONGU handicap (28 and 36 maximum) purposes.

We also hope that many of you will take the opportunity to play in those Club competitions that are now open to all members, including Juniors. Maximum handicaps of 36, off the red tees, will apply for both boys and girls but these competitions will always help strengthen your competitive edge and provide great learning opportunities. So, please consult your fixtures booklet for further information about these competitions which are scheduled throughout the season.

Again we have a range of opportunities available to all Junior members that are devised to improve and develop your game.

Junior golf coaching - Martin Forster

Junior coaching will be organised with our visiting professional, Martin Forster.

Group coaching sessions will be available, free of charge, for all Juniors.

Dates have yet to be organised but I will keep you informed.

If you are interested, please sign up on the list in the Clubhouse foyer once the sessions have been arranged.

Golf Workshops for Under 12s have also been organised for both members and non-members during the school holidays. The first Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, 16 April, between 10 am and 12 noon, with the second on Wednesday, 28 May. Places will be limited so please get in touch directly or register your name on the list in the Clubhouse foyer.

March2Matfen and the Allendale Junior Open

Our Junior, March2Matfen Open will be held again this year, on Saturday 12 July. It is played along the lines of the 'Race to Dubai' series for professional golfers that accumulates winning results during the season and ends with a 'champions' tournament finale at Matfen Golf Club.

A number of Clubs in the county that have achieved Golfmark status, including Allendale, have already organised their Junior Opens leading up to the 'champions' tournament.

We have organised the day to include separate competitions for all levels of playing ability and you can always play in the main competition without going on to play in any other March2Matfen Opens.

Separate Boys and Girls stableford events will comprise the main competition. They will both be played over 18 holes from the red tees, with maximum handicaps of 28 for Boys and 36 for Girls

Obviously, we will be looking for the biggest possible local turn out of Allendale juniors on the day but we also hope that some of you will take part in the other Opens – *and get Allendale represented at Matfen!* Details are accessible through our website: go to Members pages> Juniors > March2 Matfen.

This series is again a tremendous opportunity to develop your competitive experience against new opponents and on different courses. We do hope you'll take up the challenge.

So, do not forget to take an early opportunity to talk to me about the *March2Matfen*.

Yours sincerely,

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